



Construction Advisory Group

Route 141 – Kirkwood Highway to Faulkland Road

MEETING MINUTES – April 13, 2009

Date: April 13, 2009
Time: 5:00 PM
Location: DuPont Chestnut Run Plaza, Bldg. 700
Wilmington, Delaware 19805

Present:

Mr. Bill Osborne – TMA
Ms. Charlotte O’Sullivan – Resident
Mr. Charles Stirk – Brookland Terrace
Mr. William Wheatley – Brookland Terrace
Ms. Phyllis Berggnun – Willow Run
Mr. Bernie Berggnun – Willow Run
Ms. Theresa Riddleberger – Willow Run
Dr. Joshua Ayers – Brookland Terrace
Mrs. Edie Realey – Willow Run
Mr. Louis DiLeonardo – Willow Run
Mr. Al Conner – Berca
Mr. Tom Brooks – DelDOT
Mr. Harry Cooper – DelDOT
Mr. Mark Buckalew – DelDOT
Mr. Robert King – DelDOT

Bob King called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Tom Brooks explained to the group:

The new business regarding the landscaping. JMT will be formulating a team including community members, civic organizations and landscapers for design long term maintenance responsibilities. This would include both the state right-of-way and the medium.

There were then several questions posed by members:

1. There was a concern regarding grass growing along Gilpin. Member wanted to know if this could be filled and paved with concrete. Along Roselle Ave, the same issue exists but it is too costly to maintain by the civic organization. There was a question if the Federal Stimulus would fund this. The response was no.
2. There was an issue of trash and graffiti on and around the trailer of the contractor by the DelDOT construction trailer. The contractor’s trailer will remain until the



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- completion of the retaining wall (November). Committee members offered to repaint the trailer if materials were supplied.
3. Concern was expressed regarding the condition of Field Road – there is heavy construction traffic and as a result, the road is in poor condition. Tom will look into this matter....

Mark Buckalew updated the group on the project's progress during construction:

I. Construction Status

- A. We are currently on schedule.
- B. Currently we are working on:
 1. The abutment walls for the proposed SB lanes across Bridge 1-143.
 2. East and West side of Faulkland Rd. Curb will begin to be installed this week and the area should be partially paved by the next workshop meeting.
 3. The installation of the new sanitary sewer along the proposed SB SR 141 travel lanes. This work will not impact service
 4. A new Artesian water main will continue to be installed along the SB SR 141 travel lanes south of Bridge 1-143. A temporary access road will be placed during the water main installation for vehicles accessing Walnut Ave., Elm Ave., Beech Ave., E. Brookland Ave., and the homes along this area
 5. The new proposed retaining wall and decorative fence along the Montgomery Rd. Extension will begin within a few months. Clearing for the new fence will begin within the month, which will involve tree and some fence removal.
 6. Reconstruction of the proposed SB SR 141 travel lanes will begin from North of Bridge 1-143 to Faulkland Rd. This will involve shifting entrance closures for Wagoner Dr., Lowry Dr., and the service entrance to the Woodland Apartments. Access will be maintained for the homes along SR 141 between Wagoner Dr. and Lowry Dr.

Additional questions were then raised:

1. Why were sections of the hedge ripped out?
 - A). This was not done by DeIDOT but as sanitation work on the sewer lines.



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2. One of the members said that they were experiencing low water pressure and was this due to any project maintenance work?
 - A). At this time there is no working being done which would affect pressure.
3. There are potholes by Walnut Street.
 - A). Mark said his men would take care of that.
4. Are there fiber-optics plans for the area?
 - A). Verizon moved off the project prior to the construction phase of the project starting. DelDot has no idea on Verizon's plans or if new conducts would have to be run or not.
5. Will there be repaving and curbing done along the side streets?
 - A). No – not beyond the project limits, except for those tagged for overlay.
 - B). FOLLOW UP – Tom had the ratings pulled. Ratings are done on a 1-100 scale with 100 being perfect. Most of these segments are on the low side of good, with one falling into the fair category. Since these are suburban streets DelDOT does not consider them for the pave and rehab. program, For some additional perspective, DelDOT does not usually look at a local road for full paving until the condition falls below a 50. So unless there are some isolated patches needed, the overall condition of the road does not indicate a need for paving.

The rating for each of these roads are:

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| Field Rd 116810 | milepoints 0-0.17 -- 64.3 (good) |
| | milepoints .17-.19 -- 57.5 (fair) |
| Lehigh Ave 116920 | 64.1 (good) |
| Cedar Ave 116700 | 68.4 (good) |
6. A question was raised if landscaping will be done Rt-202 near the bridge for Kirkwood Highway, for noise abatement due to traffic noise levels?
 - A). Due to the lane shift there is no room for shrubs or bushes.
7. A follow up question was posed if the all purpose path could be eliminated for the addition of the shrubs for the noise abatement?
 - A). No, the path will remain as required for pedestrians any cyclists.
8. Is the project still on schedule?
 - A). for the most part, yes. There is a 2011 project completion and 2010 for the southbound lanes.
9. At the new light into Willow Run and Lowery, could there be elephant tracks painted to help direct traffic into the proper lanes onto Rt-141?
 - A). This cannot be done due to traffic right-of-way issues.



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10. When will the bridge work be completed?
 - A). This should be done following the setting of the beams in August, and the final deck work, so we are looking at the end of the year.
11. There was a question about the possibility of power washing graffiti off the block wall south of the Mill Creek bridge.
 - A). FOLLOW UP – Tom checked into this and the wall is on private property and each of the property owners would need to be contacted to wash the graffiti off the wall.

FOLLOW-UP UPDATE: Tom Brooks informs that the ponding issue in the left turn lane for DuPont Chestnut Run Site is being resolved. North Construction was out making repairs to the turn lane and drainage inlet last week. The improvements will allow the turn lane to drain properly and not hold water or ice. This was a complaint that DuPont had brought up during one of the first meetings.

Following these questions, the meeting ended at 5:49 p.m.

NEXT MEETING:

Monday, July 13th - 5:00PM

*DuPont Chestnut Run Plaza
Building 700
Cafeteria*

*Directions: Use Route 141 entrance, north of the Faulkland Road intersection
Travel on South Mall Road
Left on Third Street*

*At stop sign, left on North Mall Road
Parking is available on all four sides of Building 700
The main entrance faces North Mall Road*



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